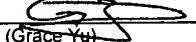




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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated December 14, 2005, for which a response was due on March 14, 2006. A three-month extension of time is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.